



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

## U.S. Army Materiel Command

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### **Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility destroys VX nerve agent stockpile**

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency announced recently that the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Indiana is now destroying the VX nerve agent stockpile at the depot.

"The start of agent destruction operations in Indiana marks a significant milestone in our national imperative of safely eliminating the nation's chemical weapons stockpile," said Michael Parker, director of CMA. "We now have all destruction facilities within CMA in operation which will result in the elimination of millions of pounds of chemical agent."

The Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility is the last of seven facilities built and tested by the CMA to safely eliminate the nation's chemical weapons stockpile and is the agency's second site employing a neutralization-based technology. The facility will destroy approximately four percent of the nation's originally declared chemical weapons stockpile.

In addition to the Newport site, chemical weapons are currently being destroyed in Tooele, Utah; Anniston, Ala.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Umatilla, Ore.

In March, Newport's sister neutralization facility in Aberdeen, Md., completed destruction of its drained stockpile of the blister agent mustard (HD) and is cleaning bulk containers that had contained agent.

As of March 24, CMA has safely destroyed 1,473,684 munitions containing 11,216 tons of chemical agent, amounting to more than 35 percent of the original agent tons stockpiled in the United States.

Stockpile disposal activities are currently in the design phase at the Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., and Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colo., sites managed by the Department of Defense's Program Manager for Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives.

### **AMC employees honored at Secretary of the Army awards ceremony**

Fifteen Army Materiel Command employees were honored at the annual Secretary of the Army Awards Ceremony held at the Pentagon Monday.

Dr. Joseph A. Lannon, director, Warheads, Energetics and Combat Support Armaments Center; Dr. A. Fenner Milton, director, Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate; and Dr. Edward M. Schmidt, a senior research scientist, were the recipients of the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive.

Eight of the 16 Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Awards were awarded to AMC employees: Justin D. Bookout; Glen S. Glass; Chester B. Gordon and Douglas C. Scott from Red River Army Depot; Bruce Stout from Headquarters, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command; Richard Kelly and Anthony J. Pellicano from U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command and James G. Loehrl from U.S. Army Field Support Command.

In addition, Richard Chase, Richard Schmidt and Samuel Turner from, Sierra Army Depot, won Suggester of the Year awards, and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kevin Lade from U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command won Military Suggester of the Year.

### **Did you know ...**

Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, in support of the Office of the Judge Advocate General, recently accomplished a major achievement with the deployment of the Financial Disclosure Management Release 1.2. This release enables all Army Public Financial Disclosure Reports, also known as the SF 278, filers and reviewers to file 2005 reports in a completely paperless process. SF 278 filers account for over 800 general officers and senior executive service personnel. This release is the culmination of over 18 months of effort by OTJAG, the C-E LCMC Legal Office and the C-E LCMC Software Engineering Center.